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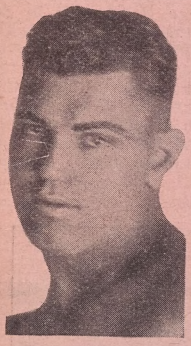

JACK DEMPSEY

Site of Arena Planned At Shelby, Mont., for the Dempsey--Gibbons Bout

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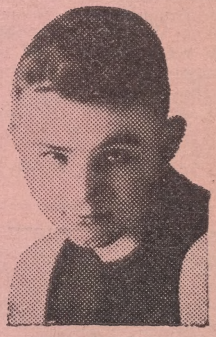

TOM GIBBONS

Natural Amphitheater Near Shelby, Montana, Where Arena Will Be Erected for the Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons Match for the Heavyweight Championship of the World on July 4, 1923.

This picture was taken at the time L. J. Molumby, State Commander of the Montana American Legion, under whose auspices the bout will be staged and Mike E. Collins, editor of the Boxing Blade, inspected the site with American Legion officers, Montana capitalists and others interested in promoting the big fight.

Promoters Make Elaborate Plans for Staging of Dempsey--Gibbons Bout at Shelby, Montana

Big arena to be built in natural amphitheater designed to accommodate 100,000 spectators—Rodeo and Wild West Show will be features of big entertainment to be put on in connection with world's championship boxing contest—Over $100,000 cash raised to meet guarantees demanded by principals to bind match.

By Boxing Blade Special Correspondent

SHELBY, Mont.—Elaborate plans are being outlined for the Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons world's championship boxing contest which the Montana American Legion is confident of staging here next July 4th. Over $100,000 cash had been raised already as this is written to meet the forfeits and guarantees to bind the match demanded by Managers Jack Kearns and Eddie Kane for Dempsey and Gibbons.

The next step will be to sign the champion and the challenger and this is expected to be accomplished by the time this issue of the Boxing Blade is published.

The program in addition to the world championship match will include a rodeo and entertainment designed to portray the early western frontier life that is rapidly disappearing. A huge arena, greater in dimensions than the old Coliseum of Rome, will be built to care for the thousands of spectators that are expected. E. H. Keane is drawing plans for the building and arena, and Ralph V. Ruckner is planning the engineering work.

Building of Grecian Style

The architecture of the building which will form an entrance to the arena, and the arena itself, will be of Grecian design and patterned after the old Greek amphitheaters. The great bowl of the arena will rise from the ringside in tiers of seats accommodating 100,000 spectators. The plans are so drawn and the topography of the ground is such that additional thousands of spectators may be accommodated. The whole original structure will cover 12½ acres and with extensions to accommodate a greater crowd it will spread over 25 acres. The Coliseum

Men behind promoting of Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby, Mont., looking over site of proposed arena.

Front row left to right—C. G. Bishop, Bruce McNamer, well known realtor of Shelby; Hal Stewart, member executive committee of American Legion Boxing Association, Toole County Post No. 53, Shelby, attorney for Ohio Oil Company; J. Ferguson, manager of Al Ross; Pete Bross; T. Berland; L. A. Sampson; E. H. Keane, architect on arena and grounds; Ralph Buckner, vice president boxing committee, engineer on arena and grounds; Mose Zimmerman, capitalist of Minneapolis and Shelby; Mike Collins, Editor of Boxing Blade and well known boxing promoter and manager; F. M. Rhoda, E. J. Murphy, Fred Goldahan, C. J. Barringer, J. F. Kavanagh, Editor of Shelby Promoter; H. L. Simmons, D. D. More.

Back row left to right—A. M. Sellery, manager land department, Ohio Oil Company; L. Orr; C. B. Roberts, president, Shelby Chamber of Commerce; J. W. Johnson and C. M. McCutcheon, two of the instigators of the big fight; L. H. Teegarden; Al Ross; W. J. Clark; J. A. Brug; L. Backus; Marine Ranieri; Angus Gaines; J. P. Humphry; Howard Posvoich; F. J. DeArmond; Sam Josephson, secretary, Shelby Chamber of Commerce; B. J. Warzak; Dr. R. G. Nelson, president of the American Legion Boxing Association, Toole Post No. 53 of Shelby, Montana; G. P. Dawson, major of the British army; Robert Stewart; Carl F. Brug; E. K. Sollars; D. Bingaman, agent for the Continental Supply Company and well known sporting man.

of Rome was elliptical in shape, measuring 512 feet along the major axis, and 167 feet along the minor axis. The seating capacity was 87,000 persons. The Shelby arena will be nearly circular in shape and will measure 864 feet in diameter. The capacity without extensions will be 100,000 spectators. It is estimated that 200 cars of lumber will be needed for the bowl alone. The entrance building will be artistic in design and the architecture will conform to the general scheme. Inclined planes will rise from the entrance way to the different aisles of the arena. Lavatories and rest rooms will be provided at convenient points in the building.

Ringside Boxes to Seat 725

An innovation in seating arrangement has been introduced into Mr. Keane's plans providing ringside boxes that will accommodate 725 persons. These boxes will be used for the seating of dignitaries that may be present, and also for press correspondents and operators. There will also be a tower for the motion-picture-camera reporter. The ring itself will measure 24 feet square. Next to the ringside will be 2,500 first class seats and 2,500 second class ringside seats. Back of these will be tiers divided into 36 sectors rising to the bowl's brim. Landings and aisle space will be arranged to provide for the rapid entrance and exit of the spectators.

The rodeo program will consist of bucking contests, racing and bull-dogging, for which attractive enough prizes to draw the best performers will be awarded. An Indian band may be engaged that will wear full regalia at all times, give native dances, and run some fast strings of horses in the Indian races. The program will be elaborated to an extent that will provide really an exposition of western life and sports. Not many remnants of the typical western frontier life remain, and Shelby wishes to portray for the easterner who comes here western life as it was. In addition to the strictly western entertainment some crack baseball teams may be engaged, aerial stunts, auto polo and other forms of entertainment featured. A complete landscape gardening scheme will be carried out, and everything done to add to the natural beauty of the surroundings.

A radio broadcasting station will be installed at the arena in order to give out the fight round by round. This sending station will be of such power that its messages will be picked up all over the United States and Canada.

European Boxing News and Comment

London — "Soldier" Jones, heavyweight champion of Canada, was defeated at the National Sporting club March 26th in the fifth round by Jack Bloomfield, the English light heavyweight boxer. The men were fighting for the Empire "Cruiserweight" championship.

DUBLIN, Ireland—The plans of Mike McTigue, the conqueror of Battling Siki, are indefinite for the present. He has gone to visit his wife in his native home county, Kerry, and it is not likely he will return to the United States for some time. It is reported that he probably will meet Siki again in Ireland.

Dublin has no knowledge of the rumors regarding a possible meeting between McTigue and Carpentier in New York. Siki will remain in Dublin until April, according to his present plans.

With reference to Siki's challenge to McTigue for a return match, the promoter of the recent contest says he is prepared to offer a purse of $2,000 to be divided between the fighters in whatever manner they wish, the contest to be held in Dublin.

By Boxing Major

LONDON, Eng.—Harry Lake, the new bantamweight champion, who won his title from Tommy Harrison recently, will soon be matched at the National Sporting club in a championship contest, which will also include the Lord Lonsdale belt. Lake is a clever chap, but like many of the British champions—lacks the punch.

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From his manager I have it that Roland Todd, who beat Ted Lewis for the middleweight title a few weeks ago, will not start for America in a short time, as reported. It is not likely that he will visit the states before next autumn. Negotiations are on here for a match with Mike McTigue, the new light heavy champion, and others. Todd is anxious to try conclusions with McTigue. Critics here were not surprised at McTigue's victory over Siki.

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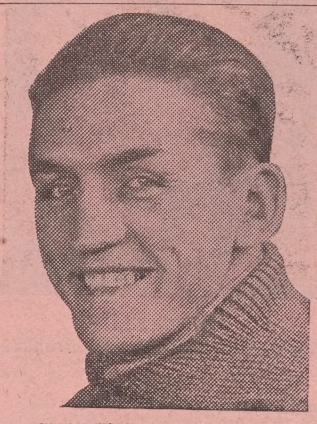
Jimmy Wilde and his manager, Teddy Lewis, expect to leave for New York about the first of May, when the little Briton will prepare for his match with Pancho Villa at the Polo grounds in the big city under direction of Tom O'Rourke. It is probable that several British boxers will accompany Wilde, including Seaman Hall, George McKenzie, Tommy Milligan, Teddy Burton, and a trainer, Ted Broadribb. Hall is lightweight champion and McKenzie is bantam champion of Scotland.



GEORGES CARPENTIER
Who is being sought by promoters in Europe and the United States to meet Mike McTigue, conqueror of Battling Siki. McTigue's victory spoiled plans for a return Siki-Carpentier bout.

Soldier Jones of Canada has been matched to fight Jack Bloomfield, light heavyweight champion, 20 rounds the last of March for the Empire title. The winner may meet the winner of the Dick Smith-Joe Beckett scrap.

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George Cook, the Australian heavyweight, and Frank Goddard, a slow moving heavy here, have been matched for a 20-round battle within the next three months, the date to be fixed later. Cook is a fair class heavy and Goddard a hard hitter, but slow.

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From what I can gather around the Strand it is not likely that Joe Beckett will go to America for a match unless it is with Champion Jack Dempsey. The British champion is alive to the fact that he would not get big money for meeting any of the Americans except Dempsey and for that reason he will hardly go for any of the smaller fry. One match with Dempsey would be worth a dozen here and Beckett knows it. Beckett himself has a lot of confidence in his ability, but there are few fans here who believe he has a chance with the world's champion.

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Promoter Jim Mullen Gives Chicago Big Boxing Shows Despite Old Law Against Prize Fighting

Wins Fight Against Reformers Who Sought to Prevent All Public Boxing and Crowns Successful Campaign With All-Star Card Which Drew $48,000 Gate and Played to 10,000 Spectators—Demonstrates That Game Can Be Controlled Even Without a Law—Wins Faith and Support of Fans.

BY JOE FOLEY.

CHICAGO.—A most remarkable situation exists here in Chicago in regard to boxing. Legally the city hasn't the sport but actually it has it on even a better basis than most places which are commission governed.

Jim Mullen is the man who turned the trick. He showed other promoters how to bring the game right out into the open. In remarkably short time of two months after his first wide-open show, he staged a card of bouts at the stock yards that drew a gate of $48,000 and was attended by 10,000 fans. Police estimate that fully twice that number were outside the building trying to get in. This show took place March 19 and was featured by Joe Burman's victory over Bantam Champion Joe Lynch.

That card was just as daring a piece of promotional work as Tex Rickard ever attempted. Rickard in his recent ventures had the law and a bankroll behind him. Mullen had neither. It's something else again to put over such a show when you're broke, but Jim did it.

The day he made up his mind the plan was feasible he had every principal signed except Bantam Champion Lynch in the short space of 45 minutes. Before those precious moments had elapsed a telegram was on its way to Lynch offering him a neat sum. The next day Lynch's acceptance arrived.

Mullen tied himself up for something like $35,000 in guarantees in that space of time and the only money he had with him was two one dollar bills. One of those paid for Lynch's telegram.

Staged Other Star Bouts.

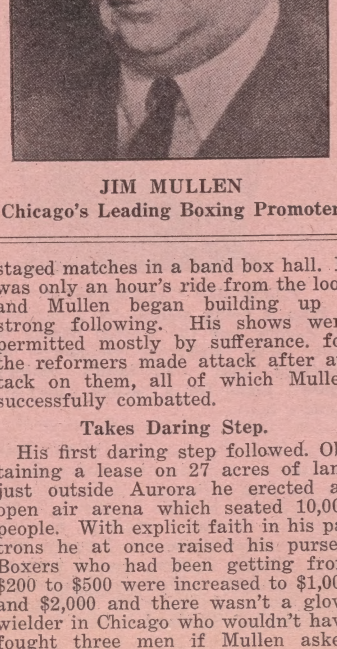
Mullen didn't limit his attraction to the Lynch match. He staged three other 10-round numbers; Patsy Flannigan with Mike Dundee, Harold Smith with Eddie Anderson and Frankie Garcia with Frankie Schaefer. Anyone of those boys is a headliner in Chicago and the fans could hardly believe their eyes when they read the program.

Jim didn't stop here. He made one more move that won instant favor. He held his top price to $10, thus giving the public a $20 card for half price.

Three short years ago Mullen was absolutely inexperienced. Today he is the fellow who brought boxing back to Chicago after a lapse of more than a decade; he raised the standard of the bouts and he raised the boxers' purses and the public, at least the Chicago public, has utmost faith in the game.

Becoming interested in boxing through friendship for Eddie McGoorty, Mullen managed McGoorty during the waning years of Eddie's fighting life. At this time clubs downstate were running full blast but Chicago was closed tight. Private and suburban clubs were going but the strictest secrecy had to be maintained.

Mullen combined forces with Jack Sager at Aurora. For a year the pair staged matches in a band box hall. It was only an hour's ride from the loop and Mullen began building up a strong following. His shows were permitted mostly by sufferance. for the reformers made attack after attack on them, all of which Mullen successfully combatted.



JIM MULLEN
Chicago's Leading Boxing Promoter

Takes Daring Step.

His first daring step followed. Obtaining a lease on 27 acres of land just outside Aurora he erected an open air arena which seated 10,000 people. With explicit faith in his patrons he at once raised his purses. Boxers who had been getting from $200 to $500 were increased to $1,000 and $2,000 and there wasn't a glove wielder in Chicago who wouldn't have fought three men if Mullen asked them to. They were with Jim hook, line and sinker and they showed it by giving their best efforts in the ring.

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Mullen's gates' leaped from two anr three thousand dollars to $14,000 and in several cases as high as $18,000. His bouts were classics and he won the confidence of every fan. It was his almost uncanny ability at matchmaking that made him. He has promoted more than 400 bouts and in all of his windups only one ended in a knockout. This was Bob Martin's two-round victory over Andy Schmader. That sounds like a matchmaking record of some sort.

Last winter Mullen moved his field of operation into Chicago using the vague term "suburban club" to hide the real location of his bouts. Jim's name was sufficient to pack any hall he rented. After one or two shows five other promoters were following Jim's lead. Chicago then began averaging two shows a week. whereas previously it had had only two monthly, those aboard the U. S. S. Commodore, which was government property and which was operated by the Naval post of the American legion under permission from the commanding naval officers of this district.

Aims Blows at Old Law.

All of this time Mullen was spreading propanganda aimed at the antiquated law which was passed back in 1869 and under which the lid was clamped on following the Gans-McGovern fake of more than 20 years ago.

This law specifically stated that "prize fights" and "exhibitions" were a violation of the law. Mullen began asserting that the matches he promoted belonged to neither of those classifications. He called them "boxing contests" and pointed out that there was no "prize," and no winner's and loser's end. He then asserted that the exhibitions referred to in the law meant tours such as John L. Sullivan made in which all comers were met—and generally knocked out.

Then came Mullen's coup. A Christmas benefit show was planned and Mullen went into court. He explained the differences between his matches and the kind the old law referred to, added that the proceeds were to go to charity and obtained an injunction restraining the city and county officers from interfering.

That move opened the doors wide. The reformers fought hard but by

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Breezy Broadway Boxing Bits

By ARTHUR T. LUMLEY

SOME of the former managers of Mike Tigue are panning the new champ.

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They declare he's a hard chap to handle.

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Arthur T. Lumley

And predict that Mike will run out on his present manager, Joe Jacobs.

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But Jacobs has McTigue signed up for many years to come.

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However, it does not look as if Mike is in any hurry to return to this country.

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Although the promoters are offering him big financial inducements.

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And Gene Tunney, Tom Gibbons, Jeff Smith and other stars are after his title.

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McTigue has an idea that he can get a match with Joe Beckett.

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And thereby win the heavyweight championship of England.

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That would surely be another big fistic honor for the fighting Irishman to hold.

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In the meanwhile, British promoters are trying to induce noted Americans to battle abroad.

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Gene Tunney has received an offer of $25,000 for a bout with Jack Bloomfield in London.

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Benny Leonard, Mickey Walker and Frankie Genaro have also received tempting offers from England.

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But these champions are all a bit leary of British referees, etc.

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Besides, they figure that the coming summer will be a golden harvest one here.

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It certainly looks that way if all the big outdoor clubs get going properly.

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But there's bound to be considerable clashing between these organizations.

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As there's a very bitter feeling of rivalry between the prominent promoters.

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Mr. Muldoon will undoubtedly have many a tough wrangle to settle before the summer is over.

Bob Edgren evidently is not impressed with Jess Willard's efforts to get into condition.

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For Edgen writes: "Willard says he's going to spend six weeks climbing hills before he puts the final touch to his training in New York. I'd like to see Jess climb a hill!!!

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Johnny Dundee only smiles at that offer of $15,000 and expenses to box Billy Matthews in England.

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When Johnny fully recovers from the flu he'll have matches galore here to keep him hustling.

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If they start to fine some boxers for every violation they would owe money at the end of a bout.

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Wonder why they rushed Bill Brennan to a Jewish hospital?

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Sure that's the last place the devil would look for an Irishman.

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But Bill won't retire as reported. He can still attract the golden shekels.

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Bartley Madden will soon be seen in fistic action again here.

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Bartley has been rusticating in Ireland for many moons.

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What a lambasting Madden gave Fred Fulton at the Garden over a year ago.

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Some of Firpo's countrymen tell me that he's already got $50,000 stored away.

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Under Tex Rickard's wing the South American giant will undoubtedly become very wealthy.

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That's if some rude opponent doesn't spoil his aspirations by K. O.

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Firpo may improve as he goes along, but he'll never be a Jack Dempsey.

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He's too old and slow to become a very brilliant fighter.

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He gives his age as 29, but he's evidently two or three years older.

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Boys who have worked with the big Argentine champ say he's too tight fisted to be popular.

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A famous Broadway manager bars boxing commissioners and tinhorn impresarios from his office.

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He says it's impossible to do any business with a flock of them butting in at all hours.

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Ducking tough opponents is surely not one of the lost arts.

Even Mickey Walker seems to be quite an expert at this artful game.

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Jock Malone is surely entitled to a match with Johnny Wilson, but let him try and get it.

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A Coney Island showman is trying to get Siki for a summer attraction.

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He wants to bill him as the "Wild Senegalese."

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If Siki ever hits Coney Island and it's brain storming hooch—woof! woof!!

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The gay and festive Island has knocked many a mighty fighter daffy.

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Leo P. Flynn should have been an actor in comedy roles.

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He certainly can outact all the managers and fight promoters in the U. S.

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What a star Leo would be in that popular farce—"Muldoon's Picnic."

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There are boxing shows once a week at six of the big armories.

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Some of them are drawing bigger crowds of fans than the regular clubs.

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The 47th Regiment show drew about $5,000 recently.

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Many of the professional fighters are enlisting in the regiments in order to get a bout.

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Jack Clifford, manager of Willie Kohler, says he's going to put Willie in one of the regiments.

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None but members of the National Guard are allowed to box in the armories.

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The little drilling the soldier boys are obliged to do is good training for them.

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The popularity of these armory shows may surprise the managers of the regular clubs shortly.

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Especially if some high class boxers are staged in the militia bouts.

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Manager Jack Moore is hustling for "more Jack."

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So are all the other impresarios for that matter.

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In fact, "more Jack" is a very desirable fellow along Broadway.

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The small clubs have failed to put on any big attractions so far.

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Now is their golden opportunity while the big circus is at the Garden for some weeks to come.

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SOME of the boxing organizations have a peculiar way of deciding boxing titles in Europe. The French Federation has frequently handed out decisions relating to championships which were nothing short of ridiculous, but they cut little figure in the states and no one paid much attention to them.

Now comes the French Federation and the International Union once more with the announcement that Battling Siki did not lose his title to Mike McTigue at Dublin, Ireland, March 17, because the rules of the Union were not all adhered to. Two London critics claim that the Senegalese did not lose his crown because he did not weigh in. There might be something to the claim of the Union about the rules not being strictly enforced, but not regarding the weighing in proposition.

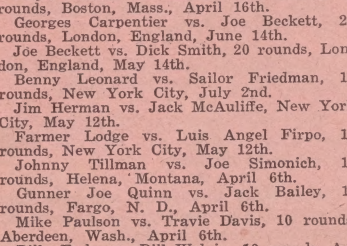
The men fought over the 20-round route, as permitted in England and France, and one of the recognized referees of England—Jack Smith—was selected as arbiter. The regulation rules prevailed and everything was carried out as per schedule. It was advertised as a championship contest—for the light heavyweight title held by Siki—so why should some little technicality deprive McTigue of that honor now?

The claim that Mr. Siki could not lose his title because he did not weigh in sounds ridiculous. Under such rules every champion in the country could protect his title at all times by coming in over weight every time he fought. For instance Benny Leonard would come in at 136 pounds—one pound over weight—and if beaten by Lew Tendler who might scale 134½ pounds, he would still retain his crown. That is unfair to begin with.

Had McTigue been over the stipulated 175 pounds then he could not have claimed the championship, but as it was Mike scaled only around 162, so he has every right to claim the light heavyweight crown.

When Johnny Thompson of Sycamore, Ill., fought Billy Papke in Australia in 1911 for the middleweight title, which Papke claimed after the death of Stanley Ketchel, Billy was overweight. However, Thompson was at weight and got the decision. He claimed the title, but never made any use of it, for when he returned to the states he jumped up in weight and never fought again at the middleweight limit.

McTigue may not be a Stanley Ketchel or a Billy Papke, but he is a good tough fellow at 165 pounds and will make trouble for any of the men his weight. It also proves that Battling Siki is not the "Giant Killer" many of the fans thought he was. Why he did not even score one knockdown in the 20 rounds, which is not saying much for a supposedly hard puncher!



Johnny Kilbane vs. Eugene Criqui, 15 rounds, New York City, June 2nd.
Jimmy Wilde vs. Pancho Villa, 15 rounds, New York City, June 16th.
Jess Willard vs. Floyd Johnson, 15 rounds, New York City, May 12th.
Floyd Johnson vs. Captain Bob Roper, 10 rounds, Boston, Mass., April 16th.
Georges Carpentier vs. Joe Beckett, 20 rounds, London, England, June 14th.
Joe Beckett vs. Dick Smith, 20 rounds, London, England, May 14th.
Benny Leonard vs. Sailor Friedman, 15 rounds, New York City, July 2nd.
Jim Herman vs. Jack McAuliffe, New York City, May 12th.
Farmer Lodge vs. Luis Angel Firpo, 15 rounds, New York City, May 12th.
Johnny Tillman vs. Joe Simonich, 12 rounds, Helena, Montana, April 6th.
Gunner Joe Quinn vs. Jack Bailey, 10 rounds, Fargo, N. D., April 6th.
Mike Paulson vs. Travie Davis, 10 rounds, Aberdeen, Wash., April 6th.
Billy Emke vs. Bill Wolpin, 10 rounds, Appleton, Wis., April 7th.
Earl Blue vs. Jack Bailey, 10 rounds, Havre, Mont., April 14th.
Jackie Nichols vs. Jimmy Woodhall, 10 rounds, Fargo, N. D., April 6th.
Kid Williams vs. Joe Nelson, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., April 16th.
Kid Williams vs. Bobby Garcia, 12 rounds, Baltimore, Md., April 4th.
Johnny Clinton vs. Jimmy Carroll, 12 rounds, New York City, April 3rd.
Chuck Wiggins vs. Charlie Weinert, 12 rounds, Rochester, N. Y., April 9th.
Frankie Pitcher vs. Nate Isaacman, 12 rounds, New York City, April 6th.
Harry Martin vs. Young Montreal, 12 rounds, Mariesville, R. I., April 4th.
Jabez White vs. Wee Wee Willie Spencer, 12 rounds, Albany, N. Y., April 3rd.
Sandy Taylor vs. "Irish" Kid Williams, Albany, N. Y., April 3rd.
Pete Zivic vs. Johnny Ertle, 12 rounds, Columbus, Ohio, April 16th.
Frank Yarchan vs. Al. Carpenter, 10 rounds, Easton, Pa., April 3rd.
Joey Fox vs. K. O. O'Donnell, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., April 12th.
Pal Moran vs. Bobby Barrett, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., April 2nd.
Eddie Brady vs. Joe Ritchie, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., April 2nd.
"Italian" Joe Gans vs. Young Laurette, 12 rounds, Troy, N. Y., April 2nd.
"Al" Holzman vs. Bobby Wolgast, 8 rounds, Philadelphia, Pa., April 9th.
Kid Belt vs. Joe Coffee, 12 rounds, Canon City, Colo., April 5th.
Bud Gorman vs. Miller Johnson, 10 rounds, Racine, Wis., April 13th.
Kid French vs. Morrie Schlaifer, 10 rounds, Sioux City, Iowa, April 4th.
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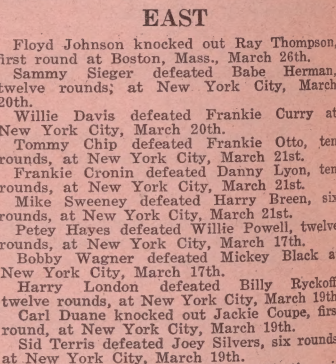

EAST

Floyd Johnson knocked out Ray Thompson, first round at Boston, Mass., March 26th.
Sammy Sieger defeated Babe Herman, twelve rounds, at New York City, March 20th.
Willie Davis defeated Frankie Curry at New York City, March 20th.
Tommy Chip defeated Frankie Otto, ten rounds, at New York City, March 21st.
Frankie Cronin defeated Danny Lyon, ten rounds, at New York City, March 21st.
Mike Sweeney defeated Harry Breen, six rounds, at New York City, March 21st.
Petey Hayes defeated Willie Powell, twelve rounds, at New York City, March 17th.
Bobby Wagner defeated Mickey Black at New York City, March 17th.
Harry London defeated Billy Ryckoff, twelve rounds, at New York City, March 19th.
Carl Duane knocked out Jackie Coupe, first round, at New York City, March 19th.
Sid Terris defeated Joey Silvers, six rounds, at New York City, March 19th.
Lew Hurley defeated Terry Martin, six rounds, at New York City, March 19th.
Midget Smith defeated Larry Goldberg, twelve rounds, in Harlem, New York City, March 17th.
Corporal Schwartz knocked out Joe Dundee, third round, in Harlem, New York City, March 17th.
Pepper Martin defeated Frankie Edward, twelve rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 22nd.
Joe Tiplitz defeated Pat Mills, twelve rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 17th.
Bobby Garcia knocked out Joe Leonard, sixth round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 17th.
Charlie Goodman defeated Manny Jacobson, twelve rounds, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 17th.
Rocky Smith defeated Sailor Hoffman, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 17th.
Frankie Coster knocked out Willie Clarkson, fifth round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20th.
Alex (Kid) Gibbons knocked out Eddie Benson, first round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20th.
Georgie Werner defeated Johnny Lustig at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20th.
Eddie Clifford knocked out Earl Corbett, first round, at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20th.
K. O. Phil Kaplan defeated Young Laurette,

twelve rounds, at Troy, N. Y., March 19th.

Jimmy (Butch) O'Hagen defeated "Italian" Joe Gans, twelve rounds, at Albany, N. Y., March 20th.

Charley Arthurs knocked out Howard Hall, seventh round, at Albany, N. Y., March 20th.

K. O. George Chaney knocked out "Pep" O'Brien, first round, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 22nd.

Johnny Donnelly defeated Young Hickey, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 22nd.

Ray O'Malley and George Siddons boxed to a draw at Philadelphia, Pa., March 22nd.

Charlie Baum defeated Johnnie Krause at Philadelphia, Pa., March 22nd.

Young Sherlock defeated Leo Shannon at Philadelphia, Pa., March 22nd.

Pancho Villa defeated Young Montreal, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 19th.

Elino Flores defeated Danny Rodgers, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 19th.

Bobby Wolgast defeated Mike Ballerino, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 19th.

Al Gordon defeated Mike Moran, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 19th.

Midget Kilburn defeated Bobby Allen, eight rounds, at Philadelphia, Pa., March 19th.

Johnny Mayhook and Charley Lewis boxed eight rounds to a draw at Philadelphia, Pa., March 20th.

Benny Schwartz defeated Battling Murray, ten rounds, at Harrisburg, Pa., March 20th.

Ivory Eshelman knocked out Joe Clarke, second round, at Harrisburg, Pa., March 20th.

Tommy Cleary defeated Al Brown, ten rounds, at Pottsville, Pa., March 19th.

Cuddy De Marco defeated Blockie Richards, ten rounds, at McKeesport, Pa., March 22nd.

Walter O'Keefe defeated Freddie Lux, ten rounds, at McKeesport, Pa., March 22nd.

Mickey Walker defeated Pete Latzo, twelve rounds, at Newark, N. J., March 22nd.

Willie Burns knocked out Young Anthony, eighth round, at Newark, N. J., March 22nd.

Johnny Gannon defeated Charley Triano, eight rounds, at Newark, N. J., March 22nd.

Jack Rappaport defeated Jack McFarland, eight rounds, at Newark, N. J., March 22nd.

The referee stopped the ten round bout between Jack Delaney and Jimmy O'Gatty at Providence, R. I., March 19th, declaring the bout as "No Contest."

Young Eddy defeated Young Jimmy Wilde, eight rounds, at Providence, R. I., March 19th.

Red Larabie defeated Babe Williams, four rounds, at Providence, R. I., March 19th.

Spark Plug knocked out Johnny Bozo, second round, at Providence, R. I., March 19th.

Charley Goodman defeated Carley Hayes, twelve rounds, at Trenton, N. J., March 19th.

Georgie Russell defeated Johnny Gardner, eight rounds, at Atlantic City, N. J., March 19th.

Abe Friedman defeated Spencer Gardner, ten rounds, at Boston, Mass., March 20th.

Jimmy Cooney won on a foul from Billy DeFoe in the fifth round at Lowell, Mass., March 19th.

Archie Walker defeated Solly Green, ten rounds, at Worcester, Mass., March 19th.

Jimmy Cox defeated Frankie Quill, ten rounds, at Lynn, Mass., March 19th.

Jack Lawler defeated Charley Manty, ten rounds, at Lawrence, Mass., March 23rd.

Tony Thomas knocked out Johnny Fox, first round, at Lawrence, Mass., March 23rd.

Rube Levine knocked out Ray Raucourt, fourth round, at Lawrence, Mass., March 23rd.

Jimmy Banks defeated Frankie Mack, six rounds, at Lawrence, Mass., March 23rd.

Eddie Burnbrook and Phil Bloom boxed twelve rounds at Baltimore, Md., March 19th.

Ted Jamieson defeated Joe Lohman, ten rounds, at Grand Rapids, Mich., March 22nd.

Kid Buck knocked out Solly Epstein, eighth round, at Battle Creek, Mich., March 22nd.

Walter Ramser defeated Red Curry, eight rounds, at Battle Creek, Mich., March 22nd.

Bob Sage defeated Cowboy Padgett, ten rounds, at Detroit, Mich., March 22nd.

Arlos Fanning defeated Frankie Keough, ten rounds, at Detroit, Mich., March 22nd.

Johnny Tillman defeated Eddie Welch, ten rounds, at South Bend, Ind., March 16th.

Pete Zivic knocked out Roy Moore, fifth round, at Columbus, Ohio, March 19th.

Johnny Griffith defeated Al Walther, twelve rounds, at Canton, Ohio, March 19th.

Johnny Rini defeated Johnny Horvath, twelve rounds, at Marion, Ohio, March 19th.

Joe Anderson defeated Earl Butler, ten rounds, at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 22nd.

Bozo Guest and Maruel Marz boxed six rounds to a draw at Cincinnati, Ohio, March 22nd.

Willie Gilligan defeated Murray Bressner, ten rounds at New York City, March 22nd.

Joe Saviola defeated Freddy Clark, eight rounds, at New York City, March 22nd.

Jack McVey knocked out George Manser, ninth round at New York City, March 23rd.

Young Rocco defeated Kid Alfred at New York City, March 23rd.

Wee Wee Willie Spencer defeated Jimmy Tomasula, twelve rounds at New York City, March 23rd.

Jackie Marlowe defeated Corona Kid at New York City, March 23rd.

Al Norton defeated Barney Adair, twelve rounds at Yonkers, N. Y., March 22nd.

Young Montreal and Jimmy Mendo boxed ten rounds to a draw at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 22nd.

Frankie Sinclair and Joey Schwartz boxed ten rounds to a draw at Scranton, Pa., March 22nd.

Charley Doyle defeated Tommy Golden, eight rounds at Philadelphia, Pa., March 23rd.

Al Wortman knocked out Stanley Ketchell, sixth round at Newark, N. J., March 23rd.

Willie Herman-George Brown scheduled twelve rounder at Passaic, N. J., March 22nd, ended in fourth round when Referee Harry McCoy claimed the men were not trying.

Lew Paluso defeated Newport Johnny Brown, ten rounds at Lowell, Mass., March 22nd.

Paul DeSalvo defeated Joe Pangraze, ten rounds at Quincy, Mass., March 22nd.

Red Chapman defeated Paul Demers, ten rounds at Fall River, Mass., March 23rd.

William Gould defeated Johnny Darcy, ten rounds at Woonsocket, R. I., March 23rd.

Billy Woods and Jimmy Cox boxed twelve rounds to a draw at Lewiston, Maine, March 23rd.

Mickey Nelson defeated Lew Goldberg at Brooklyn, N. Y., March 22nd.

MIDDLE WEST

Tommy Gibbons knocked out Andy Schmader, first round at Peoria, Ill., March 26th.

Johnny Tillman defeated Fred Conley, ten rounds, at Green Bay, Wis., March 23rd.

Tommy O'Brien defeated Joe Jawson, ten rounds, at Milwaukee, Wis., March 23rd.

Johnny O'Donnell defeated Bud Christiano, ten rounds, at Milwaukee, Wis., March 23rd.

Jack Zalince and Tony Dennis boxed to a draw at Milwaukee, Wis., March 23rd.

Billy Bartfield defeated Barney Chiaverotti, four rounds, at Milwaukee, Wis., March 23rd.

Gunner Joe Quinn defeated Jimmy Nuss, ten rounds, at Fond du Lac, Wis., March 23rd.

Frankie Gilman and Pascale Colone boxed six rounds to a draw at Fond du Lac, Wis., March 23rd.

King Schwebs defeated Johnny Cooney at Fond du Lac, Wis., March 23rd.

Joe Martin and Johnny Stevens boxed six rounds to a draw at Fond du Lac., Wis., March 23rd.

Ernie Goozeman defeated Walter Grayjack, ten rounds, at Sheboygan, Wis., March 22nd.

Joe Sielaff defeated Battling Chech, six rounds, at Sheboygan, Wis., March 22nd.

Billy Bunch knocked out Battling Herb, third round, at Sheboygan, Wis., March 22nd.

Larry Sobjeck defeated Charley Meyer, four rounds, at Sheboygan, Wis., March 22nd.

Young Schroeder defeated Herb Frankie, four rounds, at Sheboygan, Wis., March 22nd.

Bobby Sowash defeated Louie Kelley, eight rounds, at Clinton, Iowa, March 15th.

Billy Kid Hogan defeated Franky Moha, six rounds, at Clinton, Iowa, March 15th.

"Kid" Sibley knocked out Eddy Fulton, first round, at Clinton, Iowa, March 15th.

Young Polo defeated Kid Chester, four rounds, at Clinton, Iowa, March 15th.

Roscoe Hall defeated Len Schwabel, six rounds, at Des Moines, Iowa, March 23rd.

Glen Milligan defeated Archie Amons, ten rounds, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 23rd.

Kid Washington knocked out Lee Fletcher, second round at Chicago, Ill., March 23rd.

FAR WEST

Mike Doyle defeated Otto Wallace, ten rounds, at Phoenix, Ariz., March 23rd.

Frankie Murphy and Dick Twin Dundee boxed to a draw at Tucson, Ariz., March 23rd.

Jack Doyle knocked out Champion Tampico, second round, at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Bull Mosher knocked out Allie Nack, fifth round at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Willie Hope defeated Bernia Mack at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Soldier Colon knocked out Gray Kelley, second round, at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Soldier Wilson knocked out Charley Miller, fifth round, at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Harry Bramer and Kid Belt boxed eight rounds to a draw at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Young Billy Papke knocked out Jack Sherwood, second round, at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

Smiling Kelly defeated Eddie Mumma, four rounds, at Denver, Colo., March 22nd.

SOUTH

Frankie Tucker defeated Tony Caponi, fifteen rounds at Shreveport, La., March 26th.

Sailor Anderson defeated Kid Schulze, ten rounds at Texas City, Texas, March 22nd.

Leonard Hopkins defeated Bill Hardy, six rounds at Texas City, Texas, March 22nd.

Midget Smith defeated Pewee Kaiser, ten rounds, at St. Louis, Mo., March 22nd.

Nick Newman defeated Bud McHale, eight rounds, at St. Louis, Mo., March 22nd.

Otis Bryant knocked out Ray Stiger, third round, at St. Louis, Mo., March 22nd.

Young Dundee knocked out Ted Pearline, first round, at St. Louis, Mo., March 22nd.

Young Stribling defeated Leo Leonard, ten rounds, at Savannah, Ga., March 20th.

Young Lawrence defeated K. O. Teas, ten rounds, at Lester, West Virginia, March 24th.

Tiger Flowers knocked out Evansville Jack Ray, third round, at Nashville, Tenn., March 19th.

Ray Maywood knocked out Gene Martinelli, sixth round, at Memphis, Tenn., March 19th.

Tommy Fowlkes defeated Benny Parman, eight rounds, at Memphis, Tenn., March 19th.

Bill McGowan won on a foul from Al Nelson in the eighth round at Charleston, S. C., March 22nd.

Fearless Ferns and Jimmy Finley boxed ten rounds to a draw at Macon, Ga., March 24th.

Harry Allen defeated Boots Antley, ten rounds, at Macon, Ga., March 24th.

Johnny Lisse won on a foul from Eddie Ketchell in the second round at Hot Springs, Ark., March 26th.

PACIFIC COAST

Eddie Diggins defeated Jake Stahle, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Johnny Lamar defeated Kid Mexico, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Charlie Camasse knocked out Joe Monahan at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Jack Kirk defeated Kid Circiace, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Johnny Gleason defeated Tommy Gonzales, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Emil Murray defeated Frankie Kelly, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Johnny Martin and Frankie Perry boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 21st.

Tom Kelly defeated Billy Gibbs, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Jimmie Sacco defeated Eddie White, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Bobby Allen defeated Jack Griffin, four rounds at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Billy Gardeau and Ted Frenchie boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Sammy Good and Chick Rocco boxed four rounds to a draw at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Teddy McBride knocked out Johnny O'Connor, second round at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Billy Springfield knocked out Johnny Carlson, third round at San Francisco, Calif., March 23rd.

Sailor Ashmore and Buddy Soules boxed four rounds to a draw at Hollywood, Calif., March 23rd.

Dick Griffin and Earl McArthur boxed four rounds to a draw at Hollywood, Calif., March 23rd.

Walter Rooney defeated Joe Layman, four rounds at Hollywood, Calif., March 23rd.

Alex McDonald and Billy Kennedy boxed four rounds to a draw at Hollywood, Calif., March 23rd.

Neil Tierney knocked out Jerry Clark, second round at Hollywood, Calif., March 23rd.

Jack Reeves defeated Ray Pelkey, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

Young Dudley and Chick Roach boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

Frank Barrieau knocked out Tom King, second round at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

Joe Leopold defeated Tuffy Wing, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

Frankie Denny defeated Midnight Edmundson, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

Louis Garcia defeated Charlie Rodgers, four rounds at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

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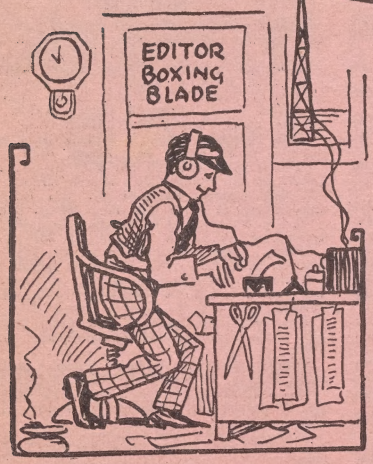

NEW YORK—Eugene Criqui, featherweight champion of Europe, who arrived here from France to fight Johnny Kilbane for the world's title June 2nd, made his first appearance in the ring since his arrival at a show staged to raise funds to help restore sections of France devastated during the war. He boxed an exhibition with Bernie Ledoux, claimant of the flyweight title of France. Other champions who appeared on the card were Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, Frankie Genaro, Mickey Walker and Joe Lynch. Pancho Villa, Filipino flyweight and Luis Firpo, Argentine heavyweight, also gave exhibitions.

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BENNY LEONARD QUITS STAGE TO TRAIN FOR BOUTS

New York—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, finished his theatrical work here and is going back into his regular business. He plans to go to Lakewood, N. J., where he will start in light training for the summer's campaign.

"I'll be ready to defend my title by the time the outdoor season arrives, and I'll be willing to take on Lew Tendler, Sailor Friedman and Charley White in a row," he said.

Manager Billy Gibson announced that Leonard would probably meet Lew Tendler in a title bout this summer.

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FLOYD JOHNSON SCORES KAYO IN 20 SECONDS

Boston—Floyd Johnson of Iowa, knocked out Ray Thompson of New York in twenty seconds here, March 26th. The Iowa heavyweight sent Thompson reeling to the floor with a punch to the jaw after twelve seconds of milling, and the New Yorker stayed down until the count of eight. A blow to the right temple felled him for the last time.

Thompson led with a left for Johnson's face at the start. The latter countered with a blow to Thompson's heart that sent the New Yorker back. Johnson shot a right to the jaw and Thompson went down in a heap. Thompson, shaky but willing, closed in as if in an attempt to clinch. The Iowan's right hand crashed against his left temple, and he sank to the floor—knocked out.

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TOM GIBBONS KNOCKS SCHMADER IN FIRST

Peoria, Ill. — Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul light heavyweight, knocked out Andy Schmader of Omaha in the first round of their scheduled ten-round bout here, March 26th. A right to the head and a streaky left to the stomach sent the Nebraskan to the canvas after a minute and a half of fighting. Gibbons dropped Schmader to one knee for a count of three, 30 seconds after the start, with a stinging right to the face.

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ILLINOIS SENATOR FAVORS BOXING LAW

Chicago—A meeting to discuss the proposed boxing bill to be submitted to the legislature was held here March 24th, under the auspices of the Chicago chapter of the National Sports Alliance, and was attended by several members of the State Senate subcommittee on boxing.

A number of speakers declared themselves in favor of changing the present Illinois law which prohibits boxing matches in any form. Among the speakers was Senator Sidney Lyons, chairman of the subcommittee, who said that he was in favor of a measure allowing boxing in the state.

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MONTREAL BIDS FOR McTIGUE-CARPENTIER BOUT

Montreal, Canada—An offer for a McTigue-Carpentier match to be staged in or near this city about July 1st has been cabled the newly crowned light heavyweight champion and the French pugilist by Tom Duggan, promoter.

Duggan is a close personal friend of McTigue's. He believes that the bout would attract a certain gate of $200,000, as thousands of American and Canadian fight fans would attend.

According to New York reports, Tex Rickard has obtained a promoter's option on the services of the new champion.

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FIVE BOUTS SIGNED FOR GIBBONS-COLLINS STABLE

Five bouts have been lined up by the managerial combine of Mike Gibbons and Mike Collins for boxers in their stable.

Johnny Tillman, Minneapolis welterweight, meets Joe Simonich in a bout scheduled for 12 rounds at Helena, Mont., April 6th.

Earl Blue, St. Paul middleweight, takes on Jack Bailey of Fargo in a ten-rounder at Havre, Mont., April 14th.

Tornado Mike Paulson, Minneapolis welterweight, is matched with Travie Davis, Pacific Coast fighter, for 10 rounds at Aberdeen, Wash., April 6th.

Billy Emke, St. Paul middleweight, boxes Bill Wolhin ten rounds at Appleton, Wis., April 7th.

Farmer Lodge, St. Paul heavyweight, is signed with Luis Angel Firpo, South American giant, for the 15-round semi-windup to Jess Willard-Floyd Johnson scrap in New York, May 12th.

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CHAMPION M'TIGUE IS COMING BACK TO U. S.

New York—Mike McTigue, world's light heavyweight champion, will sail soon for the United States. He will be ready to defend his title, according to a cable received by Tex Rickard from the Irishman. McTigue went from Dublin to County Kerry after he won the title from Battling Siki to spend a week or so with his wife, who has been ill.

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"JERSEY" JONES MOVES INTO NEW HEADQUARTERS

New York—"Jersey" Jones, who is looking after the fistic affairs of Ray Pryel, Pittsburgh lightweight, and Marty Cross, New York welterweight, is no longer connected with the Sports Department of the New York Globe.

Farmer Lodge To Fight Luis Angel Firpo at New York

New York—Luis Angel Firpo, South American contender for the heavyweight boxing championship, has been matched with Farmer Lodge of St. Paul for a 15-round contest at the Charity boxing show on May 12 in the Yankee stadium, Tex Rickard announced. This bout will precede the Jess Willard-Floyd Johnson encounter.

OF THE WORLD

"Jersey" recently tendered his resignation in order to devote his time exclusively to the fight racket. His new headquarters have been established in Suite 321, 245 West 47th Street, New York City.

With Pryel, one of the leading members of the lightweight division, and Cross, who is rated one of the hardest-hitting welterweights in the business, Jones has the foundation of a great fistic troupe. "Jersey" also has several other prominent lads lined up and expects to add to his stable shortly.

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SAM LANGFORD WINS BY KAYO IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Mexico.—The Spring fight season again brings out the fans. Sam Langford made his first appearance in the Bullring, March 17, against Chihuahua Kid Brown, negro heavyweight. Sam uncorked a couple of kidney punches followed by a short left hook and the fight was over in one minute and 10 seconds. Brown was out five minutes. Sam is now matched to meet Andrea Balsas, Spanish champion early in April.

Results of other fights were Carlos Garcia drew with Al. Caseli, four rounds; Roland Herrera lost to Manuel Ruiz, four rounds; Manny Chappero drew with Man. Cuevas, four rounds; Luis Najera lost on a foul to Kid Villalon, five rounds.

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JOHNNY TILLMAN HAS EASY WIN OVER CONLEY

Green Bay, Wis.—Johnny Tillman of Minneapolis had an easy time with Fred Conley in the windup here March 23. Tillman took every session handily.

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GUNNER JOE QUINN BEATS JIMMY NUSS

Fond du Lac, Wis.—Gunner Joe Quinn of Minneapolis won over Jimmy Nuss of De Pere in a fast ten-round bout here March 23.

The gunner started slowly and Nuss took the first round. Quinn evened up in the second with a series of lefts to the mouth. They fought on fairly even terms up to the tenth, when Quinn cut loose with his right, which he had held back, and rocked Nuss with swings to the jaw.

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JOHNNY O'DONNELL TRIMS BUD CHRISTIANO

Milwaukee, Wis.—Johnny O'Donnell, St. Paul lightweight, defeated Bud Christiano of Chicago in their ten-round bout here March 23d. The bout was the semi-windup to the Tommy O'Brien-Joe Jawson fight at the Arena Ice Gardens, which O'Brien won. O'Donnell scored a clean knockdown in the first round with a hard right to the chin. After hitting the floor, Christiano tried hard but could not overcome the lead O'Donnell piled up in the first three rounds and again in the eighth when he handed Bud a severe lacing. Ringleaders were greatly impressed with the boxing and fighting ability of the young St. Paul lightweight and predicted that he will go to the top of his division.

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BOBBY ALLEN HAS NEVER BEEN KAYOED

It was erroneously reported in a recent issue of the Blade that Bobby Allen, Coast lightweight, was knocked out by Solly Seeman in a bout at San Francisco. Allen writes that he was not knocked out. He took the bout on short notice, substituting for another boxer, and lost the decision to Seeman in four rounds. Allen has had over 100 fights and has never been knocked out. He won 81 of his battles.

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MIDGET SMITH WINS AT ST. LOUIS REOPENING

St. Louis, Mo.—Midget Smith, New York bantamweight, defeated Johnny Pewee Kaiser of St. Louis in the feature bout of ten rounds at the first show held since the reopening of professional boxing here. Smith won every one of the ten rounds. The show which was staged by Promoter Jack O'Connor, drew an attendance of 5,000 and $7,500 gate receipts. It is planned to run shows every two weeks.

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GANNON HAS THREE WINNERS ON ONE CARD

Spokane, Wash.—Manager John Gannon has returned from Yakima, Wash., where three of his stable of boxers won on the same card. Jimmy Cole beat Mickey Murphy, Vic Adams won over Babe Weaver and Marty Foley defeated Danny Needham in six-round bouts. Cole is matched to fight Johnny Goggins 20 rounds at Wallace, Idaho, March 31st.

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BIG SHOW PLANNED AT SIOUX FALLS, S. D.

Sioux City, Ia. — Johnny Shiff, matchmaker for the Sportsman club here has gone to Sioux Falls, S. D., to close details for the staging of the big opening boxing card there, July 3.

The American legion in Sioux Falls, under whose auspices the affair will be run, plans to spend $5,000 in bringing together good fistic talent. Negotiations are on for the services of Pancho Villa, or Frankie Genero, to swap punches with Connie Curry and Jack Britton, or Morrie Schlaifer to clash with Ted Zanfes in a double 10-round attraction.

South Dakota just recently entered the list of states where boxing is legalized, a boxing law having been put through by the last legislature.

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WALLACE, IDAHO, TO HAVE 20-ROUND BOUT

Wallace, Idaho—A 20-round bout will be staged here March 31st between Jimmy Cole of Spokane and Johnny Goggins of this city. Twenty-round bouts are permitted in Idaho but few promoters attempt to stage bouts of this length.

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DANDY DILLON WINS DECISION OVER FOLEY

Seattle, Wash.—Dandy Dillon, Minneapolis bantamweight, got even with Vic Foley, claimant of the bantam championship of Canada when he won the referee's decision in a slashing six-round fight here March 20th. Foley shaded Dillon when they first met two weeks previous. Their second meeting was faster than their first clash. Dillon won the verdict by his great finish in the fifth and sixth rounds. They fought at catch-weights, Foley scaling 122 pounds and Dillon 126.

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AL HOLZMAN, EASTERN BANTAM, INVADES CHICAGO

Chicago—Al Holzman, Riverside, N. J., bantam will invade this city to battle the topnotchers in the 118-pound division. Holzman, who has been under the management of Eddie O'Keefe of Philadelphia, will be handled during his stay here by his brother, F. P. Holzman of Chicago. He has won 14 of his last 27 fights by kayos.

Tom Andrews' Timely Ring Gossip

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The mixups in Europe over some of the heavyweight boxers will no doubt interfere with Tom O'Rourke's plans for a Jack Dempsey-Joe Beckett fight on July 4, at the Polo Grounds, New York. Beckett was originally signed to battle Georges Carpentier on May 14 in London for Major Wilson. The N. S. C. of London mixed things by getting Beckett to box Dick Smith for the British title about the same time, so in order to straighten matters out Major Wilson agreed to let The National club have their bouts on May 14 and he will stage a Carpentier-Beckett fight on June 14, providing of course that Beckett wins over Smith. That will prevent Beckett fighting Dempsey on the Fourth, even though he should beat both Smith and Carpentier, as the time would be too short. Now comes Mike McTigue, who upset the beans in Ireland by whipping Battling Siki, and who seeks a match with either Carpentier or Beckett; in fact Mike claims to have signed for a meeting with the Frenchman, the highest bidder to get the match, which might come to either O'Rourke or Tex Rickard in New York. McTigue's victory over the colored man surely ended the career of the Senegalese as a star. The new Irish champion is really nothing but a big middleweight, as he can make 160 pounds in a pinch, but is better around 163 to 165. Roland Todd, new British middleweight champion, has expressed a willingness to meet McTigue at the middle limit—160 pounds—and it is possible that they will come together in a title match.

Tom S. Andrews

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The heavies around New York are still being boosted for a battle with Champion Jack. "Big Jess" has practically been side-tracked by press and fans; Fred Fulton is a dead one; Bill Brennan is through for all time, so he says; leaving Tommy Gibbons, Luis Firpo and Floyd Johnson as live challengers, and Harry Wills in the background looking on. Then there is Farmer Lodge, who classes with Firpo and Johnson. Bob Roper was selected as another tryout for Firpo, but the Commission does not favor the match. Jeff Smith, the middleweight contender, recently beat Roper at Portland, Maine, without much trouble, so where does Bob come in as a fit opponent for the big fellows. Bob is game and willing, but not big enough for them. Let Tommy Gibbons fight Johnson and Firpo. If he can whip them there should be no further talk about him being too small for Jack Dempsey. And when it is all said Harry Wills appears as the toughest opponent of the entire bunch.

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With the arrival in this country of Eugene Criqui, champion featherweight of Europe, there should be a greater stir among the 122-126 pounders. Criqui is here to battle Johnny Kilbane for the world's title and from his record he will give the Yankee veteran the fight of his life. The Frenchman has the reputation of being a hard hitter and is also clever, so that "Our Johnny" will have to be mighty careful if he intends to hang on to the title for another decade, or less. There are many good featherweights in the states who are anxious to get a crack at the championship, and no matter which one wins, there will be plenty of challenges hurled that way. Kilbane is a veteran now and it would not surprise the sporting world should the Frenchman annex the title.

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That boxing fans of today are interested in the doings of the old-time fighters is evidenced by the fact that numerous queries are received from time to time regarding the comparative merits of the present day stars and those of 20 to 30 years ago. The following was received from one of the regular fans in Texas:

Will you kindly answer the following questions of a sporting nature for the benefit of myself and several friends:

1.—Please name whom you consider the two best middleweight boxers from Jack Dempsey (Nonpareil) to the present time.

2.—Do you rate Sam Langford, in his prime, a better man than Jack Johnson or Jess Willard?

3.—Name the best lightweight for a finish fight, from Jack McAuliffe to now.

4.—Do you rate the late Frank Gotch a better wrestler than the present champion, Ed Lewis?

5.—With John L. Sullivan, Jim Jeffries and the present champion, Jack Dempsey, all in their prime, who would you pick as a winner?

6.—Do you think we have produced as good a welterweight as Joe Walcott since his time?

Answer to No. 1.—Bob Fitzsimmons and Stanley Ketchel. Bob defeated the Nonpareil, scaling at the time under 152 pounds. Even as a heavyweight champion he never scaled, in fighting trim, over 160. Ketchel. too, was a terrific hitter. Tommy Ryan deserves a place with Ketchel.

No. 2.—I would rate Langford a better fighter than Willard and the equal of Jack Johnson. The latter defeated Sam on points in 15 rounds in 1906, but that was when Sam was a mere middleweight. The fact that Johnson always avoided Langford afterwards proved that he feared him.

No. 3.—Kid Lavigne would be my choice as he had wonderful staying powers, was fast, clever and a hard hitter, as his defeat of a man like Joe Walcott proved. Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast should rank next.

4.—Frank Gotch would be my selection over Ed Lewis as the best wrestler. George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," and one of the greatest wrestlers of all, paid Gotch the compliment after being beaten by him at Chicago, 1908, by saying: "You are the greatest man I ever met on the mat."

5.—Jeffries, Sullivan and Dempsey. What a wonderful trio to select from! With all in their prime it would almost be a toss up as to who would win. I really think that Jeffries, with his extra weight and in his prime, would have the shade, but little at that.

6.—We produced a cleverer welterweight in Jack Britton than Wolcott, but not as tough a one. I think Walcott would have beaten Jack in a finish fight, although Britton would no doubt have outpointed Joe in a short fight.

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Charley Beecher, who was being groomed for a meeting with the featherweight champion and who was considered about the best bet in the east among the feathers, received a bad set-back when he was bumped off

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Hot Shots of Boxing News from Chicago

BOXING is going to survive in Chicago. So far everything is being done to put the sport in the right light with the authorities. The local newly organized Sports Alliance has taken the situation in their own hands and will show the public that they themselves can undertake this proposition and run it in a clean cut fashion for the betterment of the game. Naturally as long as the sport isn't legalized as yet, there will be some of these "fly-by-night" promoters entering it and grabbing off dates regardless of the fellows that have put in their untiring efforts to establish the sport.

What is necessary are a few promoters of the Jim Mullen type, a man that has put his heart and soul into the game disregarding any big financial gain. But the attendance and turnaways at the recent Burman-Lynch contest has shown that Chicago wants legalized boxing. Then again one must remember that every one of Jim's shows was for the benefit of some good cause, such as legion posts, Christmas funds, hospitals and other charities.

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MULLEN not only stands out as a big man to put this over, but his ability as a matchmaker is second to none. The five close contests that took place last week were arranged within forty minutes without anybody trying to dicker with Mullen for bigger purses. It seems that anything that Jim does is O. K. with the managers and boxers as they all seem to let Jim judge the situation and they accept his offers without the slightest murmur. Eddie Meade, manager of Bantam Champion Joe Lynch, stated that for the first time in his managerial career he had a promoter look for him to pay off and that happened when Mullen got him out of bed at the hotel the next day.

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THE Chicago Boxing Rialto looks like a convention with the numerous celebrities and the usual happenings that has caused the boxing world to pin their optics on the doings of local sportdom. The word "BOXING" seems to be on the tongues of everyone. There are noonday meetings and open senate meetings for anyone to give their views on whether the game should be legalized. The churches, Y. M. C. A., playgrounds, schools, colleges and clubs have taken lots of interest in boxing and have placed entries in the Chicago Tribune's Amateur Tournament. Many of the church boys have shown that they have the real sporting blood in them.

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THE Alliance is composed of promoters, managers, boxers and fans. The latter have been given the chance to have a representative at the Alliance meetings and their vote is equal to the others. To get funds to fight for the cause, managers and boxers have been assessed 3 per cent of their ring earnings. One manager and his five battlers were banned for his refusal to abide with the majority. Another boxer, through the suggestion of his manager, has been fined $150 and indefinitely suspended for pulling out of a match. The Alliance also donated $100 to defray the expenses of a former manager that is seriously ill. That is the kind of work that the local Alliance is doing —something that the reformers don't want to know about.

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CARDS are arranged here in rapid fashion and some one will be hurt by the closeness of dates. The Alliance is trying to regulate this scramble and the fans can help this along by patronizing the real workers and the promoters that are sanctioned by the Alliance. Three and four shows are put on every week. Joe Coffey, of wrestling fame, will put on an all-star card on April 4th, featuring Joe Lynch and Midget Smith and Frankie Genaro and Bud Taylor. He is still dickering with Pancho Villa to battle Pal Moore but Villa it seems doesn't want any of Pal's game as he has already turned down offers from Milwaukee and Boston. Promoter Coffey states that the card will be all windups. Matt Foley will feature Dave Shade and Jock Malone on an all-star card on April 9th. Malone will have to make 147 pounds. Mullen will step out of the picture until the middle of April, and in the meantime he will watch the situation closely to see how the rush of new promoters will materialize.

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JACK KEARNS spent a day with us and was quite inquisitive as to the boxing situation around here. He suggested that a Dempsey-Gibbons affair would be just right for around this way. He said Jack is aching to swing into action. Kearns left for Los Angeles to talk over things with the champ, who was laid up for a few days with a slight cold.

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FRANKIE GARCIA and Joe Burman are both recuperating from injuries. Burman will be out for a month after battling ten rounds with a bum elbow in the Lynch bout and is now at West Baden, Ind. Frankie now is training lightly in Hot Springs. He will leave soon for Memphis where he tackles Eddie Ketchell on April 2nd. Garcia bruised his kayo mitt in the Frankie Schaeffer muss.

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PATSY FLANNIGAN, Joe Keefe's fighting Irishman, will probably box in Minneapolis on April 9th. He also has lots of offers from all parts of the country. Pittsburgh wants him with Cuddy De Marrco and St. Louis wants to see their idol with Midget Smith. Flannigan, with his style of milling, put up a better contest with Mike Dundee than Burman, Smith or Anderson gave to Mike.

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JOE O'HARA, the blond Iowa junior welter is now in constant demand and will be battling with Shade, Wells or maybe Mickey Walker on Mullen's next show. He won his four starts since his invasion here and looks like the real goods.

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CHARLEY WHITE swings into action during this month. Manager Ike Dorgan wired from New York that Detroit wants him with Willie Doyle or Sid Barbarian and Toronto has Jimmy Goodrich of Buffalo for him. White will still draw them as it isn't his boxing ability that they wish to see but that old kayo punch that is liable to land at any time. He is determined to get Rocky Kansas again and will fight his way back to prove his worth.

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JIMMY ANDERSON will bear some close watching as he won every bout he boxed in this winter and now has developed a knockout punch that will be regarded as dangerous among the lightweights. He boxes windups at the smaller clubs and will break into big ones at the rate he is going.

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Andrews' Ring Gossip

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in three rounds at New York by Benny Gould, a young Canadian featherweight, who previously was unknown. Beecher had never been knocked off his feet in his battles with boys like Andy Chaney, Sammy Sieger, Joe Lynch, Kid Wolfe, Pete Herman and Joe Burman. By his victory Gould looks mighty sweet to the eastern critics and the chances are he will be getting into a title match, providing he is not put to the bad himself before Kilbane and Criqui get together. Gould is out with a challenge to meet anyone in the world at 122 to 126 pounds.

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Jay Thomas of Kansas City,manager of Harvey Thrope and a string of boxers, is out with a challenge on behalf of his protege—Thorpe—to Pinky Mitchell, holder of the junior welterweight championship belt. Thorpe ran close to Mitchell in the voting contest when the belt was awarded, and Manager Thomas wants to know why he should not have first call on a title match. Pinky has also been challenged by Tommy O'Brien, the California lightweight. who offers to fight the younger Mitchell for the belt and a side wager. O'Brien fights at 135 pounds, but offers to go out of his class to meet Pinky for the championship. Basil Guilliano of New Orleans and Sid Barberian of Detroit are also challengers for the belt.

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George Eagel, the coast lightweight, who was boxing around New York and Milwaukee for a time last year, has turned up in far away Australia. Eagel fought Johnny Mendelsohn in Milwaukee and made a very favorable impression, but was not in condition at that time for a bruising battle. He decided that New York would be a cold spot for the winter, so without blowing any horns he hiked for the coast and sailed unannounced for Australia, where he has been taken in hand by Manager Jack Munro of the Stadium. With Eagel was another young New York boxer—Mickey Brown—but when they reached Tahiti, one of the French islands enroute to the Antipodes, the latter became homesick and left the boat, returning to the states on the next steamer from that port, while George went on his way to Sydney. Eagel is a fairly good lad and should do well in Sydney and Melbourne.

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Postponements of boxing shows often works harm to boxers the same as it does to athletes or race horses. An athlete may be just right for an event at a certain time, but the delay of a day or two may put him out of it the same as with a horse. That is what happened to the stars of the boxing show, booked at the Ice Gardens, Milwaukee, last week, when Tommy O'Brien and Joe Jawson had their 10-round clash. Both had gone "stale" through three postponements and to make matters worse O'Brien hurt his right hand in the third round. It was not a bad fight but the "pep" was not there and O'Brien won out with his left hand jabbing, getting the shade from the scribes. O'Brien intends to rest up a week or two and then begin serious work for some of the eastern lightweights. On the same card, Buddy Christiano of Chicago, and Johnny O'Donnell of St. Paul put up a rattling good battle of 10 rounds, some giving the shade to O'Donnell and others calling it a draw. This O'Donnell lad will bear watching!

Bert Spargo, the featherweight champion of Australia, who announced some time ago that he was coming to America to challenge for Johnny Kilbane's crown, has decided to remain at home. Bert ran against a Tartar in the person of Young Billy Grimes. The latter challenged for the title and was matched with Spargo at the Sydney Stadium, the distance being 20 rounds. To the surprise of the fans there the newcomer outpointed the champion and won the verdict.

While Spargo was losing his title George Mendies, the flyweight champion, having just recently won it back again, was beating Les Waters, a challenger for the championship. Waters went the entire distance of 20 rounds, but was no match for the southpaw champion. Mendies once started for America to battle Johnny Buff, but he stopped off at Manilla and was knocked out by Pancho Villa, who later came here and won the title from Buff, only to lose it later to Frankie Genaro. Mendies is now talking again about making the trip to America for the purpose of meeting Genaro.

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Last Week's Results

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Bobby Gray and Young Rodgers boxed four rounds to a draw at Oakland, Calif., March 21st.

Dode Bercot knocked out Harry Anderson, seventh round at Everett, Wash., March 22nd.

Mickey Hannon and Owen Roberts boxed six rounds to a draw at Everett, Wash., March 22nd.

Art Serrento defeated Young Dowd, four rounds at Everett, Wash., March 22nd.

Jack Lockhart knocked out Bob Fisher, third round at Everett, Wash., March 22nd.

Red Murray and Kid McCoy boxed four rounds to a draw at Everett, Wash., March 22nd.

Dandy Dillon defeated Vic Foley, six rounds, at Seattle, Wash., March 20th.

Joe Black defeated Mickey Hannon, six rounds, at Seattle, Wash., March 20th.

Eddie Buell knocked out Johnny Hawks, first round, at Seattle, Wash., March 20th.

Ernie Daley and Barney Goddard boxed four rounds to a draw at Seattle, Wash., March 20th.

Young Siki defeated Spark Plug White, four rounds, at Seattle, Wash., March 20th.

Jimmy Cole defeated Mickey Murphy, six rounds, at Yakima, Wash., March 16th.

Vic Adams defeated "Babe" Weaver, six rounds, at Yakima, Wash., March 16th.

Marty Foley defeated Danny Needham, six rounds, at Yakima, Wash., March 16th.

Billy Ryan and Frankie Webb boxed a to draw at Kelso, Wash., March 20th.

Kid Miller knocked out Tommy O'Brien, first round, at Kelso, Wash., March 20th.

Kid Hall knocked out Ted Brown, second round, at Kelso, Wash., March 20th.

Ernest Losey knocked out Elmer Peterson, second round, at Kelso, Wash., March 20th.

Joe Benjamin knocked out "Red" Cole, second round, at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Johnny Lotsey and Young Farrell boxed four rounds to a draw at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Johnnie Weber defeated Jimmy Muche, four rounds, at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Sailor Smith defeated Bud Nolan, four rounds, at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Art Springer defeated Ray Shauer, four rounds, at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Frankie Tierney defeated Mickey Aollinson, four rounds, at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Eddie Brown knocked out Pat Corbett, second round, at Los Angeles, Calif., March 20th.

Correction—Our March 10th issue of The Boxing Blade in the Result Column, we published that Solly Seeman knocked out Bobby Allen at San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 20th. From information and letter received from Bobby Allen at San Francisco, Calif., Allen lost the decision but there was no knock out.

MEXICO

Sam Langford knocked out Chihuahua Brown, first round, at Mexico City, Mex., March 17th.

Kid Villalon won on a foul from Luis Najera in the fifth round at Mexico City, Mex., March 17th.

Manny Chappero and Man. Cuevas boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mex., March 17th.

Manuel Ruiz defeated Roland Herrera, four rounds, at Mexico City, Mex., March 17th.

Carlos Garcia and Al Caseli boxed four rounds to a draw at Mexico City, Mex., March 17th.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Billy Tingle defeated Blasco Concepcion, fifteen rounds, at Manila, March 17th.

CANAL ZONE

Jack Donnelly knocked out "Beef" Barnes, first round, at Balboa, March 19th.

Panama Harry Wills defeated Danny Duarte, twelve rounds, at Balboa, March 19th.

EUROPE

Jack Bloomfield knocked out "Soldier" Jones, fifth round at London, England, March 26th.

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JIM MULLEN GIVES CHICAGO BIG BOXING

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this time popular sentiment was with Mullen and the farther Jim went the weaker became the opposition. Right now when Mullen or any other promoter steps into court for an injunction the anti-boxing people don't even have a representative present.

Mullen was farsighted enough to see that once he opened the game there would be a rush and a mad scramble unless some sort of supervision was installed. The game has it in the Chicago Chapter of the National Sports Alliance, a chapter organized by Mullen.

Game Well Controlled.

Virtually every manager, boxer and promoter is a member. Mullen is temporary president. The chapter exacts dues from boxers and managers, takes one per cent of all receipts, prevents conflicts in dates and is jealously guarding the sport.

The chapter was organized primarily to obtain a law for the state and it is waging a noble battle for that cause. With boxing becoming more open in Chicago, and the chapter controlling virtually all of the talent. it was only logical that the organization should set itself up as an unofficial commission.

The chapter intends to show the lawmakers that it can run the game in the right manner, thus advancing one more argument in favor of a law. If, as Mullen points out, the people most vitally interested voluntarily govern themselves to the best interest of the game, why shouldn't such a game deserve legal status in Illinois as it does in other states?

Only last week the chapter expelled a manager who refused to live up to its law. One fly-by-night promoter, not a member, went so far as to print handbills on which appeared the name of an eastern boxer, whom the chapter knew would not fill the engagement. The promoter never got any farther. The balance of his talent, Alliance members, promptly informed him they would not box.

Erring Manager Fined.

Another manager whose conduct in the ring displeased the spectators was fined. He paid. And so it goes.

There are two boxing bills now before the state legislature which a subcommittee has reported favorably upon. This subcommittee is coming to Chicago shortly to hold a mass meeting. The chapter will see that it will be successful.

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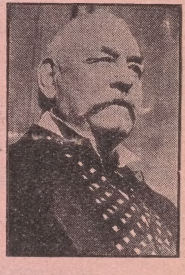

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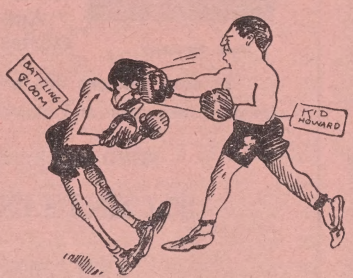

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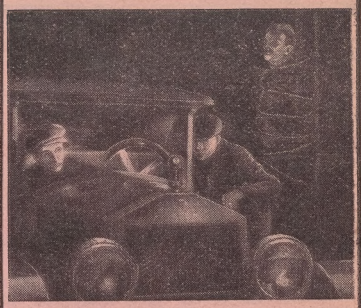

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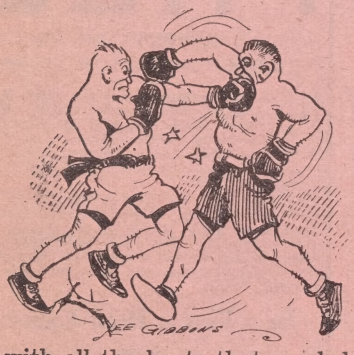

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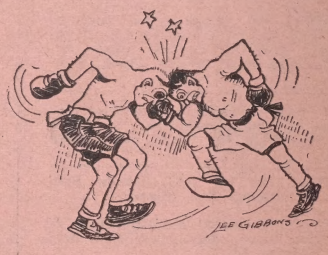

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